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SUBJECT: TEXT OF AMBASSADORS YOUNG, EASUM AND MOOSE

FOLLOWING IS UNEDITED, FULL TRANSCRIPT OF AMBASSADORS YOUNG, EASUM
AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS AT A NEWS
CONFERENCE HELD 8:00 A.M. AUGUST 26, 1977 AT THE BORNO GUEST
LODGE, LAGOS, NIGERIA.

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Q: WILL AMBASSADOR YOUNG ACCOMPANY FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN TO
TALK WITH SMITH IN SALISBURY?

YOUNG: I AM ACCOMPANYING THE BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER, AND I THINK
THE US ROLE IN THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A SUPPORTIVE ROLE, AND THOSE

KINDS OF DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY HIM.

Q: THE NIGERIANS HAVE GIVEN TENTATIVE SUPPORT OF THE PLAN, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS I HAVE TALKED TO BUT EVEN THEY HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT MR. SMITH AND THEY SEE SOME STUMBLING BLOCKS. HOW MUCH OF A FACTOR IS THIS?

YOUNG: I THINK IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR, BUT I AM NOT SURE YET THAT THERE IS A PLAN THAT ANYONE CAN AGREE WITH OR DISAGREE WITH. I THINK THAT THERE IS A PROCESS GOING ON, AND THAT PROCESS IS EVOLVING, AND MR. SMITH WILL BE A PARTICIPANT IN THAT PROCESS. BUT THERE IS NOTHING THAT IS CARVED IN STONE, AND ESSENTIALLY I SEE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS TEAM AS SEEKING OUT A COMMON GROUND THAT EVERYBODY CAN LIVE WITH IN PEACE.

Q: WHAT IS THE ITINERARY FOR THE TRIP?

MOOSE: WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SORTING THAT OUT THIS MORNING, JOHN. WE HAVE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS BACK AND FORTH SIMPLY ON THE MECHANICS AND LOGISTICS, AND WE WILL HAVE THAT SORTED OUT, AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THAT TO YOU IN THE COURSE OF THE MORNING. I WILL GIVE YOU THE SEQUENCE THOUGH. THE SEQUENCE WILL BE LUSAKA (AND THIS IS FOR GUIDANCE ONLY AT THIS POINT BECAUSE IT INVOLVES SOME OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND MAYBE ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE, SO I REPEAT THIS IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY), PRETORIA AND THEN IN ALL LIKELIHOOD FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WILL GO TO NAIROBI ON UNCLASSIFIED

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WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A BILATERAL UK-KENYA MATTER, AND THEN THE PLAN WOULD BE TO COME BACK TO SALISBURY AND THEN TO RETURN TO LONDON FROM THERE.

Q: WOULD THE AMERICAN PARTY GO TO NAIROBI?

MOOSE: IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, BUT THAT IS ONE OF THE DETAILS THAT IS YET TO BE NAILED DOWN, BUT I THINK IN ALL LIKELIHOOD THEY WOULD.

Q: WHAT IS THE MAKEUP OF PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR RHODESIA? ON THE BASIS OF TALKS WITH THE NIGERIANS CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT THE POSSIBLE MAKEUP OF THE UN FORCE, ESPECIALLY, MIGHT THE NIGERIANS PARTICIPATE IN IT?

YOUNG: I REALLY DON'T THINK ANYBODY CAN SAY WHAT THE MAKEUP OF THAT FORCE MIGHT BE. I THINK THAT IS ONE OF THE KEYS TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE FORCE. AND IT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE EVOLVING PROCESS. I STRESS THE TERM PROCESS RATHER THAN NEGOTIATIONS.

Q: WHAT DISTINCTION DO YOU SEE BETWEEN "PROCESS" AND "NEGOTIATING?"

YOUNG: I THINK IN NEGOTIATIONS YOU HAVE A SET POSITION AND SOMEONE HAS ANOTHER POSITION AND YOU ARE BARGAINING OR HORSETRADING. IN A PROCESS, I THINK YOU ARE SEEKING A COMMON GROUND IN EVERY SITUATION, AND I THINK THE BASIS OF THIS INITIATIVE IS THAT ALMOST EVERYBODY REALIZES THAT CONTINUING FIGHTING IS NOT HELPING THEIR OWN CAUSE AND THAT THE COST OF THE STRUGGLE UP TO NOW ON ALL SIDES IS BEGINNING TO GET TO THE PLACE WHERE WE ARE HOPING THAT IT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTIES INVOLVED. WE ARE HOPING THAT WE CAN FIND SOME COMMON GROUND ON WHICH PEOPLE CAN AGREE TO STOP FIGHTING AND RESORT TO A POLITICAL PROCESS, OR RESORT TO A POLITICAL PROCESS AND STOP FIGHTING , HOWEVER THEY WANT TO DO IT.

Q: WOULD YOU EXPECT THAT THE TALKS WOULD GO ON FOR MORE THAN A
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DAY, GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF IT?

YOUNG: I THINK IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE RATHER EXHAUSTING AND EXHAUSTIVE TALKS SIMPLY BY VIRTUE OF THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION THAT ARE REPRESENTED THERE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AND THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT THAT IS AT STAKE FOR EVERYBODY PRESENT. MAYBE EXCEPT US. I CONSCIOUSLY MINIMIZE OUR ROLE IN THIS, THAT WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE SOMETHING POSSIBLE AS THE US, BUT WE ARE NOT TRYING TO DO IT. WE ARE DEFINITELY IN A SUPPORTIVE:

AFRICAN INCLUDING ALL AFRICANS, BLACK AND WHITE.

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MOOSE: I JUST WANT TO VOLUNTEER ONE THING TO ADD TO THAT. TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WHEN THE DELEGATION GOES TO LUSAKA THEY WILL BE SEEING NOT ONLY THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS BUT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD SOME OF THE RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS SUCH AS MR. NKOMO AND MR. MUGABE. AND IN SALISBURY WE PROBABLY WILL BE SEEING OTHER RHODESIANS, BOTH BLACK AND WHITE, PROBABLY BUT THAT IS YET TO BE DETERMINED.

Q: DID ANYONE SEE MR. MUGABE OR MR. NKOMO AT THIS CONFERENCE?

YOUNG: I HAD JUST MET WITH MR. NKOMO IN GUYANA FOR SEVERAL HOURS LAST WEEK, AND I TALKED VERY BRIEFLY WITH MR. MUGABE HERE.
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Q: DID YOU SEE HIM AFTER ABOUT THREE O'CLOCK ON WEDNESDAY? AFTER HE MIGHT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE SO-CALLED FORTH FORCE? DID HE MAKE ANY COMMENTS TO YOU ABOUT THAT?

YOUNG: NO, HE DIDN'T.

Q: ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC?

YOUNG: NO, I AM NOT. BUT NEITHER AM I PESSIMISTIC. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE DANGERS THAT WE FACE IS PEOPLE TRYING TO SET TIMETABLES AND DEADLINES AND LOOKING AT THIS IN TERMS OF SUCCESS OR FAILURE. THERE IS NO SUCH THING. THERE IS A PROCESS WHICH IS GOING ON AND THAT PROCESS IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. I THINK ALMOST EVERYBODY AGREES THAT THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. THE ONLY QUESTION IS HOW AND WHEN. AND THAT CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED BY THE PARTIES INVOLVED. OUR INTENTION IS TO MAKE THAT PROCESS AS SMOOTH AND AS QUICK AND AS PERMANENT AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL CONCERNED. BUT THAT IS GOING TO TAKE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME. IT IS NOT A VERY SMOOTH PROCESS THAT YOU CAN PUT DOWN ON PAPER AND SAY THAT YOU WANT IT TO GO THIS WAY. THERE ARE GOING TO BE SETBACKS FROM ALL SIDES, BUT I THINK THAT MY UNDERSTANDING OF PRESIDENT

CARTER'S INTENTION IS THAT THE US IS GOING TO STICK WITH IT UNTIL IT HAPPENS AND AFTER IT HAPPENS AND THAT ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT THIS PROCESS OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED WE ARE WILLING TO EXPLORE WITH THEM.

Q: MR. AMBASSADOR, IN REALITY, THIS LATEST INITIATIVE, IS IT NOT IN REALITY REALLY THE LAST SERIOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT AND IF IT FAILS, WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD FOR BEING ABLE TO GET THE PARTIES TOGETHER AGAIN FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS?

YOUNG: I THINK IT IS VERY LIKELY. I DON'T ANTICIPATE FAILURE JUST UNCLASSIFIED

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LIKE I DON'T ANTICIPATE SUCCESS. BUT THE ALTERNATIVE IS TOTAL DESTRUCTION AND BLOODSHED AND THAT IS NOT VERY PROMISING TO ANYBODY INVOLVED. THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO AVOID. THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THOUGH THAT EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT THE FAILURES OF NEGOTIATIONS BUT IN MILITARY STRUGGLES THE UPS AND DOWNS ARE NEVER CONSIDERED FAILURES, ESSENTIALLY BECAUSE IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE IN IT TO THE END. I THINK AS I UNDERSTOOD PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENT, WE ARE IN THIS TO SEE THAT IT GOES THROUGH AND WHATEVER IT TAKES DIPLOMATICALLY TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE A PEACEFUL INITIATIVE. WE ARE GOING TO PURSUE A PEACEFUL INITIATIVE AS VIGOROUSLY AS ANYBODY IS GOING TO PURSUE ANY OTHER KIND OF INITIATIVE.

Q: DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT ON THE CONFERENCE IN THE LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE DECLARATION APPARENTLY ADVOCATES A MILITARY ARMS EMBARGO? CHAPTER VII?

YOUNG: MOST OF THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE DECLARATION ARE THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY US POLICY OR US PRACTICE, AND I THINK WE ARE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE CONFERENCE, WITH THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN CONDUCTED, WITH THE KIND OF RESPONSE THAT WE IN THE US HAVE HAD FROM THE ENTIRE CONFERENCE AND ESPECIALLY THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA. I THINK THAT THERE IS AN AGREEMENT AND A CONSENSUS ON OBJECTIVES AND THE DECLARATION IN A SENSE SHOWS A KIND OF DEPTH OF COMMITMENT EVEN WHERE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH. IN MY SPEECH YESTERDAY, I TRIED TO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT THERE WAS IN THIS CONFERENCE AND IN THE DECLARATION A TREMENDOUS UNITY OF PURPOSE EVEN WHEN THERE ARE DIFFERENCES IN TACTICS AND APPROACHES.

Q: DID THE US DELEGATION SIGN THE DECLARATION? WHAT IS THE SITUATION?

YOUNG: THAT IS BEING DECIDED TODAY.

Q: WHAT DO YOU THINK THE FUTURE HOLDS IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA?

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YOUNG: IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS THERE WILL BE A MAJORITY RULE
IN RHODESIA AND PROBABLY NAMIBIA. I DON'T THINK IT TAKES MUCH
OF A PROPHET TO FORECAST THAT.

Q: HOW ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA?

YOUNG: I THINK IT TAKES A PROPHET TO FORECAST THAT. (LAUGHTER)
I THINK, AS I SAID YESTERDAY, I HAVE A TREMENDOUS HOPE EVEN FOR
SOUTH AFRICA, AND THINGS HAVE GOT TO HAPPEN. I THINK THAT THE
FORCES WHICH WORK WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA, WITHIN AFRICA AND WITHIN
THE WORLD TODAY (AND I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT GOVERNMENTAL FORCES;
I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT THE FORCES OF THE UN, NOT EVEN ABOUT
FREEDOM FORCES IN SOUTH AFRICA: I AM TALKING ABOUT THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA HERSELF), THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA
CHANGES THE ECONOMIC REALITY ON THE AFRICAN SCENE AND IMPLIES
THAT WITHIN THREE YEARS THERE WILL BE SHIFTING INVESTMENT
PATTERNS WHICH WILL PUT SOUTH AFRICA IN A MUCH MORE COMPETITIVE
SITUATION. HERE THEY HAVE HAD ESSENTIALLY A MONOPOLY FOR A VERY
LONG TIME. THAT FACT MEANS THAT IF THEY ARE GOING TO SURVIVE
AND COMPETE ON THIS CONTINENT, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE
BETTER RELATIONS WITH BLACKS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Q: IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT YOUR GOING TO PRETORIA AND
PROBABLY SALISBURY ENSURES THE FAILURE OF THE MISSION, GIVEN
THE ATTITUDES OF SMITH AND VORSTER TOWARDS YOU PERSONALLY.

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YOUNG: WE HAVE HAD A VERY INTERESTING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS. I THINK THE SAME PROPHECY WAS MADE OF AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S WORK IN NAMIBIA WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS, THE FACT THAT HE WAS THE US REPRESENTATIVE WAS SUPPOSEDLY SUFFICIENT TO DOOM THE TALKS. AFTER ALMOST FIVE MONTHS IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT HIS PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN CRITICAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE TALKS. THERE IS, I INSIST, AN EXPERIENCE OF DEALING WITH WHITES WHO HAVE OPPOSITE POINTS OF VIEW THAT BLACKS HAVE HAD TO LEARN TO COPE WITH ALMOST FROM CHILDHOOD. I THINK MY FIRST EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE STREETS WERE HOW TO SURVIVE IN A SOCIETY THAT WAS ESSENTIALLY AN APARTHEID
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SOCIETY AND HOW TO BE YOURSELF, EXPRESS YOUR BELIEFS, NOT COMPROMISE YOUR INTEGRITY BUT ALSO NOT ALIENATE. IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT I EVEN HAVE TO THINK ABOUT. I FEEL QUITE COMFORTABLE IN SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS EERIE. EVEN DRIVING AROUND THE COUNTRY FOUR YEARS AGO WITH ARTHUR ASHE, TWO OR THREE OF US JUST DRIVING WHERE WE PLEASED, WAS NOT AT ALL AN UPSETTING EXPERIENCE FOR ME BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS THAT WE CONFRONT AND THE PROBLEMS THAT ANY BLACKS CONFRONT I HAD LEARNED TO DEAL WITH AND TO AVOID.

Q: AMBASSADOR EASUM, HOW DOES THE CONFERENCE RELATE TO US RELATIONS WITH NIGERIA? HOW COULD IT FIT INTO THE SCHEME OF THINGS HERE?

EASUM: I MIGHT REFER IN RESPONSE TO THAT QUESTION TO THE STATEMENT THE INTERVENTION MADE YESTEDAY BY COMMISSIONER GARBA (THE NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE). HE ALLUDED TO THE WAY IN WHICH US POLICY TOWARD AFRICA (AND THAT, OF COURSE, IN A VERY LARGE PART MEANS US POLICY TOWARD APARTHEID, THE SUBJECT OF THIS CONFERENCE) THE WAY IN WHICH US POLICY HAD EVOLVED AND CHANGED UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, AND HE PAID TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CONTRIBUTION TO THAT CHANGE. THAT IS A

RECOGNITION AT THIS CONFERENCE OF A NEW KIND OF ENVIRONMENT
IN WHICH OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, WE EXPECT, CAN INDEED
PROSPER. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES IN WHICH
WE ARE ALREADY ENGAGED WITH THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WE
BELIEVE WILL BE STRENGTHENED BECAUSE OF THE KIND OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN US THAT THE COMMISSIONER REFERRED TO. THESE ARE
ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES. WE ARE
EMBARKED, FOR EXAMPLE, ON A MOST IMPORTANT PROJECT NOW FOR
COLLABORATION WITH THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT IN ATTEMPTING TO
BUILD GREATER RESERVOIRS OF MIDDLE-LEVEL MANPOWER IN THIS
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COUNTRY SO NECESSARY FOR THE ADEQUATE COMPLETION OF THE
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THERE ARE INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES
THAT WE SEE BEING STRENGTHENED IN THIS NEW ENVIRONMENT. THERE
ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR, ABOVE ALL, TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TRANSFER
FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THIS ECONOMY. THERE ARE AREAS OF
TRADE AND OTHER EXCHANGES WHICH WE THINK WILL BENEFIT, AND I
THINK THIS CONFERENCE HAS ADDED IMMEASURABLY TO THE STRENGTH
OF THIS ALREADY STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIP. THE ROLE NIGERIA
PLAYED IN HOSTING THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE APPARENT TO THE
STUDENTS OF NIGERIA IN THE UNITED STATES, TO BUSINESSMEN WHO
ARE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIP RELATIONS WITH
NIGERIANS. THIS WILL STRENGTHEN IMMEASURABLY OUR RELATIONSHIP
BASED ON A MORE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAN WE HAVE EVER HAD
BEFORE ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE APARTHEID PROBLEM FOR US
RELATIONS, NOT JUST WITH NIGERIA BUT WITH ALL OF AFRICA.

Q: IS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION PLAYING POLITICS AS A POLICY
IN AFRICA TO PACIFY AMERICAN BLACKS?

YOUNG: I MAKE A DISTINCTION AS A POLITICIAN MYSELF IN POLITICS
AND POLICY. THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE SAID THAT ARE POLITICS
THAT MIGHT APPEAL TO ONE'S DOMESTIC CONSTITUENCY. I DO IT ALL
THE TIME. AND IT IS NOT NECESSARILY POLICY, AND I THINK THAT
ON THE POLICY QUESTIONS WE HAD SURPRISINGLY RESPONSIVE REACTION
FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER, AND I DON'T AGREE THAT
THE US-AFRICAN POLICY IS SOMETHING TO PACIFY AMERICAN BLACKS.
THE FACT THAT WEST GERMANY, FRANCE, CANADA, NONE OF WHICH HAVE
SIGNIFICANT BLACK POPULATIONS NUMERICALLY, ARE ALL EMBARKING
ON RATHER SIMILAR POLICIES, AND THAT THIS IS A UK INITIATIVE,
INDICATES THIS HAS GOT TO BE SOMETHING DEEPER THAN A RESPONSE
TO AN AMERICAN POLITICAL SITUATION. I THINK THAT SOMETHING IS

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A DESIRE FOR A PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. CHANGE THAT
DOES NOT INVOLVE THE AFRIKAANER IN FIGHTING TO THE DEATH AS
THEY SAY QUITE OFTEN, BUT THAT ASSISTS IN THE PROCESS OF PEOPLE,
BLACK AND WHITE, AND ASIAN AND COLORED, LEARNING TO LIVE
TOGETHER AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

Q: UNINTELLIGIBLE- ON AFRICANS RELYING ON NON-AFRICANS TO
SETTLE THEIR PROBLEMS.

YOUNG: I THINK THAT IS IS VERY HARD FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ENGAGED
IN THE MIDST OF AN ARMED STRUGGLE IN WHICH THEY BELIEVE INTENSELY
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TO SAY PUBLICLY THAT THEY THINK SOMEBODY ELSE IS GOING TO SOLVE
THEIR PROBLEMS FOR THEM. NO MATTER HOW NOBLE, HOW POWERFUL
THAT SOMEBODY ELSE IS. ULTIMATELY IF THERE IS ANY LESSON THAT
AFRICA HAS LEARNED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DECADES, IT IS THAT THE
STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN AFRICA ESSENTIALLY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF AFRICANS THEMSELVES. SO THEY CANNOT PUBLICLY RELY ON ANYONE
ELSE TO DO THEIR WORK FOR THEM. THEY HAVE PRIVATELY ENCOURAGED

US ALL ALONG IN THIS PROCESS BECAUSE IT IS POSSIBLE FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO HELP, AND IT IS POSSIBLE FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO MAKE THAT PROCESS OF CHANGE A MORE RATIONAL PROCESS AND, FRANKLY, A LESS DESTRUCTIVE PROCESS. I DON'T THINK ANYONE WANTS TO HAVE TO DESTROY SALISBURY AND MARCH IN AND START FROM ASHES TO BUILD A NEW ZIMBABWE. AND IF THERE CAN BE ANY OTHER WAY, I AM SURE THAT ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED WOULD WELCOME IT. ALL WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS SEARCH FOR ANOTHER WAY. WE DON'T HAVE, AS I SAID IN THE BEGINNING, A FORMULA THAT IS CARVED IN STONE. WE ARE SEARCHING FOR A COMMON GROUND THAT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO HAVE THEIR INTERESTS PROTECTED AND FOR ZIMBABWE TO BECOME A REALITY AS A MAJORITY-RULED SOCIETY.

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